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## Amsbury home gutted by fire

A fund is being established to assist Dr. Wayne Amsbury, assistant professor of mathematics, and his family who Monday suffered the loss of their home and most of its contents in a tragic fire.

University officials have announced that persons wishing to provide financial assistance should mail or bring contributions to the office of Everett W. Brown, assistant to the President, in the Administration Building.

The Amsbury residence, 504 South Main St., Maryville, suffered extensive damage in the fire which broke out early Monday afternoon.

## Backstage efforts "light up" Alpha Psi Omega production

Have you seen an antique brass parrot cage hanging around the dorm lately? Do you know of anyone willing to risk their life on a 35-foot wobbling ladder?

The answer to these and other questions are dilemmas to be faced by the "Light up the Sky" backstage crew.

Too often it seems that actors and actresses are thanked with roses while backstage workers remain unnoticed. The crews are responsible for programs, sound effects, set construction, make-up, costumes, publicity, lighting, ticket sales, properties, and ushering. These people place a script and actors into reality.

Although "Light Up the Sky" has a relatively simple format for lighting, costuming, make-up, and scenery according to David Shestak, director of costuming and make-up, there are still some problems. The crew members, for instance, must make 50's dress be the 50's dress of the audience's

imagination. The viewer rejects the real 50's suit as too drab and tattered, a Salvation Army item. It is up to the costume committee to tailor each garment to reflect a certain flair of individuality and style.

Another puzzler is what to do with the long 70's style hairdos of some of the cast. Wigs found or made by the crew seem to be the answer.

The backstage crew for the upcoming production includes Steve Murphy, Gloria Obermeyer, Joe Alpough, Robyn Williams, Liane Hansford, Janice Snyder, Don Jackson, Steve Cox, Tim Bolton, Marty Mullin, Mary Ruth Gardner, Joyce Smith, Rudy Kisual, Pat Day, Roxanne Backer, Marty Carey, Ernie Clutter, and Jon Kruse.

Those students will work together with the members of the cast, director Dr. Ralph Fulsom, set designer and technical director Arden Weaver, and costume and

make-up director David Shestak to present Moss Hart's comedy hit, "Light Up the Sky."

The play centers upon a young playwright, his new play, and his associations with different types of theater people. The play is bursting with humor but an underlying theme of man and his hypocrisy makes it a subject of meditation.

The play will be presented at 8 p.m., February 20, 21, and 22. A Sunday matinee will be held February 23 at 2 p.m. All performances will be in the Administration Building Auditorium.

Admission is 50 cents for faculty and students with activity card, 50 cents for children, and \$1.50 for all others.

The play's sponsor, Alpha Psi Omega, honorary theater fraternity, invites all students and faculty to attend and reminds them that the opening night will be a formal affair.

## Pass-Fail statistics revealed at Senate

Faculty considerations and data were presented to the Student Senate Tuesday by adviser Dr. John Hopper.

The pass-fail proposal is expected to be voted on during the Faculty Senate's Feb. 18 meeting. Both Hopper and counterpart Dr. Mike Morris agree that the compromise package proposal will be either passed or killed at that meeting.

Hopper serves on the pass-fail subcommittee to the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate that recently reviewed data collected during pass-fail's three semester existence.

Last year over 20,000 grades were issued through the Registrar's office for student transcripts. There is a 300 transcript difference between the fall of 1973 and 1974. Since the number of grades issues was similar, these figures indicate that there are fewer part-time and more full-time students enrolled at MSU.

Approximate grade divisions were as follows: 6,000—A; 7,000—B; 3,000—C; all others—D, F. This marks the first substantial data that indicates a relatively high GPA standard, according to Dr. Hopper. There were 365 more A's and 340 fewer B's this fall semester as compared to the fall 1973 semester. On the other hand, there was an increase of 120 in D and F grades.

To focus this data on the 779 student using pass-fail last semester, 143 of the 799 pass-fail students enrolled with a less than 2.5 GPA. Of the 143, 140 slid to D and F grades.

Considering this information, the faculty sub-committee agreed that a 2.5 GPA should be required for pass-fail students. Hopper stated that only 11 students would have been disqualified if this restriction would have been in effect for last semester's enrollment.

The faculty sub-committee is also in agreement concerning the number of prerequisites needed before enrollment in the pass-fail program. Questions concerning the number of courses that may be used in the pass-fail program and whether it can be used in major-minor fields are not settled.

Only a minimal positive reaction was received in a 319 student poll by 18 Student Senators in regard to changes in the current pass-fail system.

A joint meeting will be held in the Union at 1:30 p.m. Sunday to discuss and negotiate differences indicated by the data received from faculty and Student Senate sources. All interested persons are invited to attend.

During committee reports, the election board committee submitted a set of rules for approval to be used in the April Senate elections. After much debate, the issue was tabled with a rules meeting planned for 4:30 p.m. Monday in the Senate office.

Senator Tom Vigneri announced that Dr. Phil Hayes will be talking with the Legislative Seminars committee concerning legal aid on campus. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday and is open to the public.

Senators absent were: Pam Apollo, Katie Gordon, John O'Guin, Karis Richardson, and Mary Williams.

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# editorials

## Student Senate

# Spoils System, MSU style

The recent selection of office replacements in the Student Senate not only depicts that group's attitude but also exhibits a weakness in the replacement procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

According to the By-Laws of the Student Government Association, the President must first designate the resignation as being either temporary, or permanent. If the vacancy is permanent, a new election shall be conducted through the Student Senate. If the vacancy is temporary, the remaining representatives from the represented section shall recommend a successor to be approved by a vote of the Student Senate.

The By-laws are vague in setting down proper guidelines for replacement nominations.

Although Senate business may be conducted in any manner accepted by the chair, the recent nomination procedures were mockery of the Senate office. Better yet, the nominations may have been another indication of indifference by the Senators themselves.

Current nomination discussions habitually begin

with "I know—personally, and he's a good friend of mine. . . ."

One particular Senate replacement received his office on the following nomination discussion: "Well, I've talked with— and he (she) seems interested, and, well, I think he's more responsible than me—he's probably better than me. . . ."

On Jan. 28, the Student Senate selected three such nominations to fill three off-campus offices before one of the Senators had the courage to state that she was voting on people she didn't know. Although a select minority objected, the majority voiced their common unfamiliarity with the people being nominated by tabling further nominations until the next meeting.

Nominations for the replacement of Senators should be as objective as the duty of the office itself is supposed to be. Students wanting to fill Senate vacancies should be required to submit a formal application and be interviewed by either the election board committee or the Senate body. The application should be drafted by the election board committee and application procedures should be outlined in the Student Handbook.

## MSU logical site for Optometry School

Over the past weekend the Missouri General Assembly was asked to vote an emergency appropriation in the amount of \$7.8 million to establish a School of Optometry at the University of Missouri in St. Louis. The school would not be placed on the UMSL campus but would be established, instead, at the Atomic Energy Commission complex at Weldon Spring, located just west of St. Louis in St. Charles County.

We trust that any lawmaker who votes for this request is subject to an immediate recall petition, removing him from office on the grounds of incompetence or sheer stupidity. Either reason would be sufficient grounds.

The question of whether the state should establish a School of Optometry has been around for quite some time; it is hardly an "emergency" matter and certainly requires no immediate attention from the legislature.

We happen to believe that Missouri could perform a real service to its citizens by establishing such a school. There are remarkably few in the nation, and there is none at all in this state.

What is disturbing is the recent move to place the school at St. Louis, primarily at the urging of the chamber-of-commerce-minded representatives and senators from that area.

During the last regular session, the General Assembly had a perfectly valid and logical proposal from one of the regional state universities seeking to install such a school on its campus. That proposal came from Dr. Robert Foster, president of Northwest State University at Maryville, where some related courses were being offered and where space was available for a complete school.

Dr. Foster originated the idea to establish a school of optometry in the state higher education system. He had several motivations for his plan, one of them being that his university, because of conditions beyond his control, had failed to keep pace with other regional universities and was seeking to implement its academic offerings. Because of the courses already being offered, Northwest

State had a semblance of a school faculty already on hand; because of a drop in enrollment increases, the university also had available space. In fact, Dr. Foster estimated that the state's higher education system could begin to offer optometry courses within a short time and with practically no capital improvement costs if such a school were established at Maryville.

Dr. Foster submitted his proposal to the old Higher Education Commission now out of business as a result of the State Reorganization Act. While some members of the commission concurred with Dr. Foster, others sought to place the school elsewhere despite higher costs and general disinterest at other institutions. The Maryville college president sought to interest members of the General Assembly in his proposal but was not entirely successful, thanks primarily to lawmakers from St. Louis who saw an opportunity to enhance their own political fortunes by bringing a new school to their home area.

Since then, Dr. Foster's plan has been virtually ignored, while parochial interests from St. Louis have gone forward with the idea, even to the point of planning to convert an abandoned prison gas plant, operated during World War II, into a School of Optometry. The cost would be unbelievably high—and the cost would be borne by every taxpayer in the state.

Dr. Foster's proposal is logical, economical and academically sound. The St. Louis plan is none of the three. Since Missouri has no school of optometry at the moment, we wonder if anyone in Jefferson City will notice? (From the Daily Dunklin Democrat)

## Teachers violate hours

Numerous MSU instructors don't have or don't maintain office hours. This creates a problem when students attempt to see an instructor about a class.

The English department has 20 instructors, who, as Dr. Carroll Fry, department chairman, explained, must have five office hours a week. Dr. Fry said that each of the teachers should have their class and office hours posted outside their office door. Fifteen of the 20 instructors do have their hours posted, five do not.

In a recent survey it was found that in most departments at least one and possibly as many as eight instructors do not have their office hours posted.

Instructors will usually inform students when their office hours are scheduled. Maintaining them is something else; teachers have a tendency to disappear when they are scheduled to be in their office.

Occasionally, teachers tell students they can drop by and make an appointment to see them. Other instructors tell students to call them at home. That is a burden for students, especially if the student has something of importance to discuss with the teacher.

As the survey showed, not all instructors fail to keep their office hours. Some do post and maintain their hours. It's too bad all teachers don't follow that example.

## Have a Heart—for Dana

Dear editor,

I read with interest your article on campus radio KDLX's great success in their fund drive to raise money for needy families for Christmas.

If I could, I would like to bring

to light a fund drive being held February 10-14 to raise money for one of our fellow students, Dana Wray.

The members of Kappa Delta Pi education fraternity selected this drive as their service project for this school year. Dana, who had only her student teaching left to do when she was severely injured in a car accident last summer, was to graduate with her degree in learning disabilities. Sad is the irony that now finds her with a tremendous disability—permanent paralysis.

The money we hope to raise for her will only be a drop in the huge bucket called medical costs, but a bucket can never be full if drops are not continuously put in it.

Kappa Delta Pi members will have a collection table in the Union from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day, February 10-14, and will be canvassing the dorms.

Please MSU'ens, continue in that spirit of giving, and donate at least 25 cents to Dana. During the week of Valentines Day, HAVE A HEART—FOR DANA!

Janet Kelley

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# Roberta to secede IRC

Citing economics as the main reason, Mary Beth Francis, Dorm Council President of Roberta Hall, reported last week that Roberta Hall has voted to secede the Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRC). All five sororities occupying Roberta Hall were unanimous on the proposal.

"We feel we're putting money into IRC and not getting anything out of it," stated Miss Francis. We're not made at them, but they don't seem to have a function for us."

The Missourian was provided a copy of the formal resolution. It was drawn up Monday night by a joint effort of the girls. It reads:

The residents of Roberta Hall at this time feel that it is necessary to withdraw their representation from the Inter-Residence Hall Council. This action is being taken because this body which assumes the responsibility of representing all residence halls has failed in this obligation. The funds collected by IRC from each hall were spent in a manner that tended to benefit particular groups of the student body

rather than the whole. At this time the residents of Roberta Hall feel that they can more adequately utilize their funds for their own particular programs and for self improvement. This is in no way to be a reflection upon any individuals involved in IRC. It is the desire of the residents of Roberta Hall to be recognized as more than the smallest and oldest residence hall on campus.

Miss Francis went on to explain their problems. Each girl puts in \$5 at the beginning of the year, half of which goes to IRC. The consensus seems to be that they aren't getting anything in return for that \$2.50.

The cable TV situation was what started the discontent. The school says that it costs too much money to put in cable installations. Miss Francis pointed out that they might be able to make up the deficit if they hadn't put their money into IRC. She added that they would like an ice machine, but were now short of money.

She also pointed out that their new improvements this year,

reupholstered lounge furniture and drapes, were paid out of corm council and university funds.

Mike Van Guilder, sponsor of IRC, commented that he thought the action was "regrettable" and said the residents there would be "missing out on a lot." He also questioned whether they could legally pull out of IRC. For the moment, he said IRC would just have to wait and see what action will be taken, as Roberta has not sent their formal statement to them. They are scheduled to deliver that statement on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the weekly IRC meeting.

## bear fact

A fund raising drive for Miss Dana Wray will be held near the entrance to the Union bookstore Feb. 10-14. The event is sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi. "Have a heart and give a little."

Kappa Delta Pi requests for membership must be submitted to one of the officers by Feb. 14.

Dr. Gary McDonald and Dr. Merry McDonald have jointly published a series of mathematical problem solutions in a national magazine.

The magazine, the American Mathematical Monthly, presents math problems from professors throughout the country. The MSU husband and wife team has thus far had seven solutions published in the last year and a half.

The Gospel Lads Quartet will be appearing in concert Feb. 10-12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium. The rally will include both modern and traditional style gospel music. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

Dr. Ruth Rebekka Struik, associate professor of mathematics at the University of Colorado, will be on campus Feb. 12 as part of a series of speeches sponsored by MSU's Department of Mathematical Sciences.

Dr. Struik's speech, titled "History of the Concept of Limit," will be in Room 102 of Garrett-Strong at 4 p.m. and is open to any MSU student or faculty member.

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## Deadline draws near

The deadline for signing up to be a host or hostess for the high school class of '79 is Feb. 10. Anyone wishing to sign up should go to the office of the Director of Student Activities.

Brief orientation meetings for all hosts or hostesses will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Upper Lakeview Room, or 7 p.m. in the East Ballroom that same day. Meetings will be held again at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feb.

20 in the Upper Lakeview Room. The meetings will include discussion of the various activities planned and the responsibilities of the hosts and hostesses. These persons must attend at least one of these meetings.

All necessary expenses (meals and lodging) will be provided by the university or the visiting high school students.

## Publicity eases recruiting

The recruiting program for prospective students of MSU has incorporated a new dimension of publicity, according to Chuck Veatch, assistant director of admissions.

The university will be placing paid advertisements in high school newspapers throughout Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska. These ads are intended not only to increase the high school student's awareness of MSU, but to publicize the visit of a

recruiting official from MSU on their campus.

Veatch believes that timing of the advertisements will be essential to the success of the recruiter's efforts, and will help the student formulate questions about MSU in advance.

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## God's Word

2 Timothy 3:1-2

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# Hijacker threatens two

by Connie Carlson

It was nearing 9 p.m. in St. Joseph, last Friday as Dr. Gary Davis watched the final suitcases being stored in the belly of the Continental Trailways bus that would soon take him to Kansas City. In Kansas City he would spend the weekend with friends.

At the top of the steps the man fell heavily in the aisle, almost into Davis's lap.

Davis looked at the man who lay panting and sweating on the floor. "Junkie" went through his mind. He noted the long, greasy hair and the pallid skin of the man. Without looking at him, the man

In the chill of the night a dubious character entered the bus.

As Davis, a humanities instructor at MSU, stood outside the bus he kept his hands in his pockets and watched his breath crystalize in the night air. He couldn't seem to keep his eyes from blinking. It was boring.

Finally the bus driver gave a signal and the small group around the bus filed on. Davis settled in the second seat back, next to the aisle.

His body uncoiled in the sudden warmth of the bus. He leaned back into the seat and stretched his legs forward. He was relaxed. He was ready for Kansas City.

On impulse, the classic impulse of the traveler, he turned and looked through the fogged window for a final view of the town he was leaving.

jumped up and ran to the back of the bus.

Davis was angry. He couldn't understand why such a man was being allowed on the bus or why the bus driver just stood and talked to someone outside rather than going after him.

He had no way of knowing that the man who had just fallen at his feet and then shoved past him was James E. Beardsley. This man had already on that particular day assaulted and disarmed two uniformed policemen. He was at that time armed with a .357 magnum which he had taken from a policeman a few minutes earlier in the Silver Dollar Saloon.

Outside the bus there was a crowd of people.

"We're in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Outside he saw a young man running toward the bus. He watched, mildly amused, assuming it was someone, probably an MSU student, who had wandered into a nearby tavern during the delay and was now in danger of missing his bus.

Davis watched as the man ran up to the bus door and then suddenly shoved the bus driver aside and burst into the bus.

Davis looked at the bus driver standing in the doorway. His blank face gave no answers. He heard a voice outside the bus shout that the man was armed. People in the bus were leaving. Davis, beginning to realize this was more than just a case of a disorderly doper, stood up and turned to the passenger behind him and said "I believe we're in the wrong place at the wrong time."

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## MSU hosts high school speech festival

MSU's department of speech and theater recently assisted local high school speech students in the practice of their craft Jan. 24 and 25.

The Northwest District Division Missouri High School Speech-Drama Festival was co-sponsored by the Missouri State High School Activities Association, the Department of Speech and Theater, and the Field Service Office of MSU. MSU faculty members served as judges, while student volunteers assisted in timings and tabulations.

One-act plays that qualified for the state contest were, "Mad Woman of Chaillot" presented by Tarkio High School, and "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds,"

from Bishop-Leblond High School, St. Joseph. Debate partners David Schmitt and Howard Prost of Leblond High School and Bernie Rhodes and Dave Kenward of Winnetonka High School also qualified for state competition.

A total of 28 schools involving 300 participants competed in divisions of one-act plays, debate, duet acting, dramatic reading, extemporaneous reading, humorous reading, poetry reading, prose reading, and storytelling.

# WORLD WIDE WEEKLY

Jan. 29  
Feb. 4

Chicago—Federal officials have caught what they believe to be the largest welfare cheater in history. With the revelation of her escapades, officials hope this will lead to a tighter and possibly a fool-proof method to wipe out this practice.

The lady apprehended has over 80 aliases, has been depicted as both white, black, and Latin, and ranges in age from 27 to 55. Apparently her name is Martha Lou White, but there still isn't any positive proof about that. Her \$154,000 take in last year proves that the system can be broken.

Fate finally caught up with her last week. A grand jury indicted her on 27 counts of grand theft concerning fraudulent welfare checks, three counts of perjury, and one count of bigamy.

Some other statistics about her are fascinating. She is wanted by at least four federal agencies, including the FBI, has listed eight "deceased" husbands, possesses three different social security numbers, and has listed a total of 24 children. On top of that, at the time of her arrest, she owned six new cars. That's some way to go!

New York—Walt Disney Production has filed a \$2.5 million suit against the producers and distributors of the "Life and Times of the Happy Hooker."

The Happy Hooker film is a porno flick which uses the Mickey Mouse March theme in a four minute segment. The suit, seeking to delete the background music, added that, "three of the four participants in the scene were wearing Mouseketeer ears."

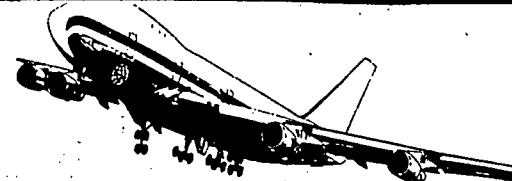
Kansas City—Mayor Charles Wheeler has been endorsed by the Republican City Central Committee. All major candidates, and 30 of the 39 mayoral and city council candidates were interviewed.

O.J. Miller, chairman of the committee, commenting on the endorsement, said "We know what Wheeler can do." But he added that both Joseph Shaughnessy and Sarah Snow appeared sincere. Mayor Wheeler has already been endorsed by the Democrats for Progress.

St. Louis—A Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. official has admitted that offices in Topeka and San Antonio did indeed keep a secret cash fund until 1973.

The fund was used to make political contributions, but was not a "political slush fund", as has been alleged, testified Don Reichardt, general public relations supervisor. He added that all contributions were voluntary.

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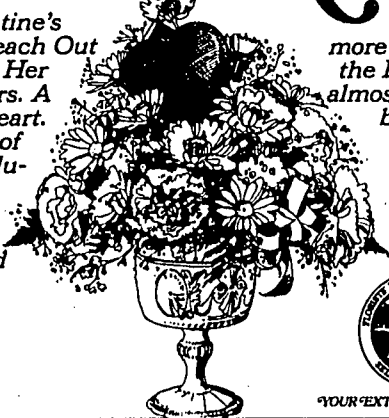
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# Judging team places third

MSU's dairy judging team took third place honors at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, Tex., last week.

Besides placing third overall, defeating such competition as Texas A and M, Louisiana State University, North Dakota State University, and four other tough agriculture schools, the team earned second in both the Guernsey and Brown Swiss divisions. The team consisted of Bob Heemsbergen, Carolyn Van



MSU's dairy judging team members include: Carolyn Van Slyke, Bob Heemsbergen, and Dick Baldwin. Dr. Dennis Padgitt is the team's coach.

Slyke and Dick Baldwin, whose individual standings won such credits as second in both the Holstein and Guernsey divisions. Baldwin's overall average was 46.5 which totaled as the second placed individual honors.

Leaving by plane Tuesday, the team, coached by Dr. Dennis Padgitt, arrived in the beautiful, warm Texas weather within only a few hours. The group came back to MSU's Missouri winter the following Thursday.

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Patti and Rod—

# march to a different drummer

by Bill Althaus

Devotion is more than a word. To Patti and Rod Radle, it's a lifestyle.

For the past six years this interesting couple have lived in volunteer poverty in a Chicano neighborhood in San Antonio, Texas.

"At first we were afraid many of the people in the inner-city would resent us as members of the great white society," explained Patti, who has a degree in theology from Marquette University.

"Many whites had moved into the neighborhood with a pre-planned method of changing things. We just moved in to be neighbors."

"I think we're well accepted now," says Rod. "There were a few that stereotyped all whites as being rich, but after we met the people we became one happy family."

Excluding the summer months, Patti and Rod pack up their van and hit the road with their two children to express their feelings on moral and political issues through song and rap sessions with college students.

"I'm not really a musician or sociologist," explains Rod, who has a Masters in sociology from Marquette. "I'm more of a person who is involved in an interaction with music, and I'm totally involved with people."

Everyone working in the inner city with Patti and Rod is volunteering his time, for there are no salaries involved.

"The whole program would crumble if the people didn't work together. If we're short of food we can depend on a neighbor for food, and vice versa."

Rod's background is very "white middle class." He was raised in Los Angeles and was offered many athletic

scholarships as a youth. He eventually went to the Air Force Academy, but he stayed only three months.

"I just didn't like the military scene. I didn't agree with many of its values, so I went to Marquette and there I met Patti . . . and the rest is history," chuckled Rod.

Their folk-singing journey supplies Patti and Rod with many fond memories and some money to send back to their co-workers.

"A lot of the time we travel on faith," said Patti. "We hate to leave, but we're always there in the summer, because that's the busiest and happiest time."

But how can people living in such adverse conditions be happy?

"The people are really very happy. They don't want outsiders trying to bring in their lifestyles. They just want people to join them, for the generosity is overwhelming."

"One woman had ten children, and the only food she had was a cherry pie that a neighbor had given her. One of our workers visited her one night and the woman offered her a piece of pie. That best shows the generosity we've



Patti and Rod Radle recently performed in the Union Den, co-sponsored by Union Board and the Newman Center.

been talking about," smiled Patti.

The ghetto area that serves as Patti and Rod's home is vastly populated by children. There are nearly 8,000 kids in a ten-block area, with the highest structure a mere two stories.

"Over 50 per cent of the people living in this neighborhood are surviving on an income that is under the poverty level, and several of the children are turning on to drugs and sniffing glue," says Rod.

When you find out a first grader is sniffing glue, you realize how serious the situation is.

"We're in voluntary poverty to change oppressed poverty to a form of voluntary poverty. You can live without life's unnecessary luxuries and still get by quite well," explains Rod.

"We try to talk to people and meet all different types; we get so much out of our trips. I just hope we can give a little in return."

"Patti and I went to the neighborhood six years ago, and after we had a child they asked — 'are you leaving?'"

"We don't have anything to go back to and I can't envision our lifestyles changing. We like it where we are."

## FREAK LIFE

Night life excitement? In driving distance? Where?

Kansas City offers a wide variety of night life entertainment constantly. The contributors to Freak Life hope that you the MSU fun-seekers will find something intriguing in this week's column of future events.

If this week's calender doesn't have a high time listing for you, take a Freak Life Rain Check.

Helen Reddy — In concert with Jim Stafford, guest star. Saturday, Feb. 22, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: 5.50, 6.50, 7.50, and 8.50.

Freddie Hubbard and McCoy Tyner — Sunday, February 9, 8:00 p.m. K.C., Kan., Memorial Hall. Tickets: 4.50, 5.50, and 6.50.

Ted Nugent and the Amboy Dukes, and Bob Seger, Memorial Hall, Feb. 28.

Lynyrd Skynyrd, Municipal Auditorium, April 11.

Barry Manilow, Music Hall, April 12.

Hal Holbrook — "Mark Twain Tonight." Municipal Auditorium, Feb. 17, 8:00 p.m. Tickets: 5.50, 6.50, and 7.50.

Broadway Clique, at Harlow, 5th and Walnut, Friday and Saturday.

Steve Harris, mime artist, at Cindi's Bedspread, 315 Delaware, Friday and Saturday.

## Phillips new look may stop vandalism

Mike VanGuilder, director of Phillips Hall, hopes that the recent renovation of the dorm will instill in the residents a sense of pride that will put an end to vandalism.

He stated, "You're not about to destroy something that you have created."

Residents of Phillips Hall are helping with the redecorating process. They're working on a series of mural paintings to make the dorm a more pleasant place to be.

Jim Francis, an MSU student, was hired to paint a mural in the dorm. After this mural was

complete, VanGuilder set up a contest where students could paint murals on their own floors. As an added incentive VanGuilder offered a \$25 prize for the floor painting the best

mural. Seventh floor won the contest.

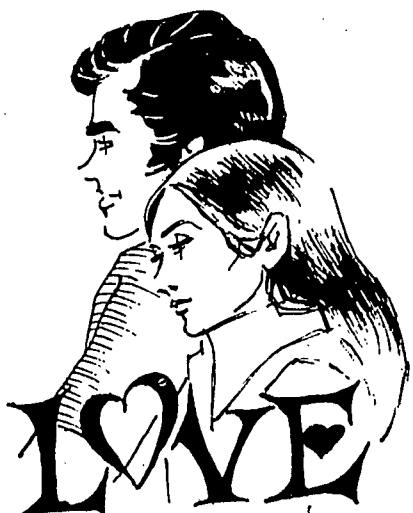
Phillips Hall also has a policy where students can paint their rooms. Most materials are funded by the university.

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# Data processing center houses PBX operator

By Joy Wade

"Computers are fun. I wish more students could work with them."

"I like working here; I like the people."

"Quite a few students come in here during the day, and I know a lot of them."

These comments show the characters of three people who must constitute MSU's least known but friendliest position—that of campus operator.

Far from fulfilling the old-fashioned concept of switchboard operators constantly pulling plugs, these women alternately occupy a bustling office in the data processing center at the Administration building.

"When people come in, they say, 'Where is it?' I say, 'Right here, you're looking at it!'" jokes Mrs.

Concerning her late hours, Coverdall admits, "I don't like to have time on my hands." But she is kept busy until late hours even if calls aren't coming in, for all of the mimeographing to be done in the office is left until night.

Each of the operators also assists students in a computer key punching class by collecting and distributing the class cards they are working on. "I like to meet people," comments Coversall good-naturedly. "Quite a few students come in here during the day and I know a lot of them."

Despite her active schedule, when I remarked that I was unfamiliar with the data processing center, her hospitality immediately prompted a

"When people come in they say, 'Where is it?'"

Lucinda Brown. Amiable and brisk, Mrs. Brown operates the deceptive, little PBX machine from 7:30 a.m. 4 p.m. on weekdays. Installed last August, the PBX receives all incoming calls for the Administration Building and Cauffield Hall.

Brown calmly reflects upon her work as she answers calls. "I like working here; I like the people." The only problem with the PBX, she feels, is that it isn't installed all over campus. People call her long distance for Colden Hall or Garrett-Strong, but she can't put them through. Instead, they have to call again directly to the building. Hopefully, these buildings will be connected to the PBX in the near future.

"At first I didn't think I wanted this job; it never seemed interesting to me at all," reminisces Mrs. Doris Coverdall, who occupies the 4 p.m.-midnight shift. "But I was impressed with my interview with Marylin." (Marylin Alloway, head of data processing.) "I also like all the people here."

tour and explanation of the various keypunch and computer rooms.

The only student employed as an operator, junior Sidney Primovie works from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday mornings. A computer science major, Sidney comments, "I like working here; it's good for experience." When she isn't answering calls or handling students' class cards, Sidney also operates computers in the processing room.

Holding up a long roll of computerized tic-tac-toe games which the computer was analyzing, she ardently explained that "computers are a lot of fun. There are many things to do with it besides things that accomplish something. I wish more students could work with them."

After my experiences in that small, often unperceived office, I can ardently wish more of the positions on campus were occupied by such cordial and qualified persons.

## Union board

Union Board is sponsoring an all-day mini ski trip to Dexter, Iowa, on February 15, weather permitting.

Cost to each student should be \$6 including the bus ride, \$5 if other transportation is used. This price includes the equipment rental charge.

The bus will leave MSU at 8 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. Additional information can be obtained in the Union office and registration can be made until February 14.

Feb. 7: Serpico, 7, 9:30 p.m.; Horace Mann Auditorium; 25 cents plus university ID, one guest per ID.

Feb. 7: Black Week dance, co-sponsored with Harambee House; 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Union Ballroom; music by Inner Sancton Fantasy; dressy attire suggested; free.

Feb. 14: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid: 7, 9:30 p.m.; Horace Mann Auditorium; 25 cents plus university ID, one guest per ID.

Future Events:

Feb. 22: All-Nite P.A.R.T.Y.; dance featuring Festival Family; coffeehouse with Walkenhorst Brothers; lots more.

March 5: Geraldo Rivera, broadcast journalist of Good Night America fame to visit MSU; details to be released later.

Committee assignments and meeting times for this semester are:

No. 1—Lee Kortemeyer

Gerry Garrett ..... Monday 4:30 p.m.

No. 2—Nancy Moore ..... Thursday 6:30 p.m.

No. 3—Tim Sommerhauser

Renee Runde ..... Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

No. 4—Ken Furst

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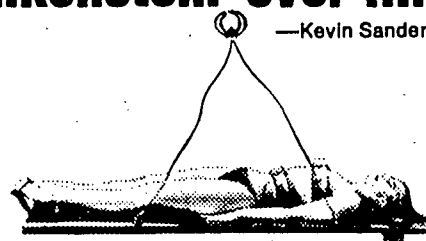
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## Seniors to perform Monday

Darrell Willson, Barnard, Mo., and Mark Rannells, Dunlap, Iowa, will present their senior music recital at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

Willson, a baritone, and Rannells, a saxophonist, will be accompanied on the piano by Laurie Amend. A member of Phi Mu Alpha Professional Music Fraternity for men and Tower Choir, Willson will be singing songs by Italian, German, and English composers.

Rannells, who is a member of Concert Band and Progressive Jazz Band will play a concertino by Bozza.

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## Tragedy averted

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With this he stepped from the bus and with the rest of the passengers ran with increasing speed for the bus depot.

The passenger Davis had turned and spoken to was Sylvia Smith, an attractive coed from Kansas City. Ms. Smith was on her way home for the weekend when the man barreled into the bus.

Three policemen entered the bus to reason with Beardsley. Among them was Patrolman Gawaine LaFevers who recalled that Beardsley was nearly hysterical, constantly waving his gun and threatening the hostages.

Beardsley's brother, who had been arrested earlier outside the Silver Dollar Saloon, was brought to the scene and Davis could hear him from

## An MSU co-ed at the mercy of a crazed hijacker . . . . .

Ms. Smith remembers that "at first everyone was giggling and just looking at each other. I looked back at the man and he just stared back at me. He was sitting in the aisle trying to look nonchalant but you could tell he was pretty scared. He was such a skinny runt he didn't scare me at all."

Hearing a commotion, Ms. Smith looked out the bus window and saw a policeman pointing a gun at her window. She said, "I thought that was unusual. We began to realize something serious was happening."

Moving off the bus, Ms. Smith and several other passengers showed their presence of mind by ignoring the bus depot and running to Sandy's Bar

the depot yelling for the police not to get too close, yelling that his brother would do anything when hysterical. Davis said, "I didn't give the hostages a 50-50 chance at that time."

On top of the bus depot Lt. Pasely, a police sniper, sighted in on Beardsley. The figure of a hostage was too close to fire. The hostage leaned away and the sniper's finger tightened on the trigger, but then Beardsley suddenly snapped the hostage back against him. Later, in the bus depot Pasely would just shake his head over how close he had come to pulling the trigger.

At 11:15 p.m. police provided Beardsley with the escape car he had been demanding. He fled in the

"At the time I didn't give them a 50-50 chance."

where the proprietor was offering free drinks in honor of the occasion.

All of the bus passengers were now either in the bus depot or Sandy's Bar—except for two of them.

Barbara Cook, 21, Omaha and Grace Ann Mein, 18, Raytown, a student at MSU, were still in the bus.

Beardsley was holding them at gunpoint and using them as shields as he sat in the aisle toward the back the bus and pulled the women around him.

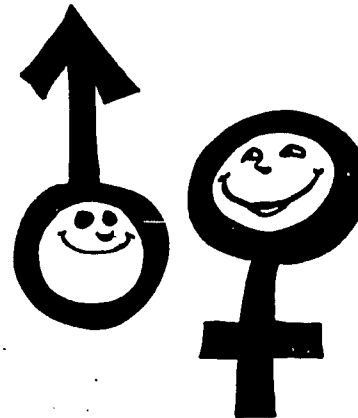
Police surrounded the bus and blocked off the area. Snipers stood watch on neighboring roofs but couldn't fire because of the hostages.

car with the two hostages and Deputy Inspector Thomas Johnson of the St. Joseph police force who drove the vehicle.

The car took a meandering route through Northwest Missouri that eventually led to Kansas City. At approximately 2:10 a.m. Beardsley released his two hostages unharmed. At 2:30 a.m. Beardsley surrendered at a roadblock in North Kansas City.

Beardsley will be charged with several counts of aggravated assault, kidnapping and other crimes. Later when contacted on campus, Ms. Mein said she would make no comment.

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# greek life

The women of Alpha Omicron Pi received four pledges Jan. 30. The new pledges are Roxanne Backer, Janet Hawk, Linda Barnes, and Terri Stengel.

The Alpha Sigma Alphas attended a mixer Wednesday night at the Delta Chi house.

Four girls pledged Phi Mu this week. They are Nancy Young, Karla Hall, Debbie Arend, and Merry Miekke.

The Delta Zeta sorority will initiate 15 pledges this Sunday.

The new initiates will be Risa Brousseau, Terry Heath, Rhonda Parrish, Cathy DiBenedetto, Sandi DeLaughter, Julie Walker, Mary Monaghan, Teresa Monaghan, Leanne DeShong, Pat Brys, Lori Gegner, Kathy Ford, Cathy Craig, Rosemary Geyer, and Jane Eldridge.

The Sigma Sigma Sigmas pledged six girls and are continuing rush. Their new pledges are Barb Andrews, Cindy Black, Cindy Meyers, Janet Mannon, Kris Smith, and Delores Alexander.

The Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity held a smoker Wednesday night in the ballroom. The men are planning a party at the house for tomorrow night.

The men of Delta Sigma Phi are remodeling their house this week. Kirby White, Tom Jones, and Chuck Wray were activated Sunday night. The fraternity recently installed new officers.

President is Gary Rix; vice president, Dee Hummel; treasurer, Tom Jones; secretary, Steve Mork; and house manager, Dave Ahlberg.

The Delta Sigs have two parties planned for this weekend. They will host a Carnival Night tonight and will follow that with an American Graffiti Party tomorrow.

The Delta Chis held a smoker Thursday night. Another rush party is scheduled for tomorrow night. The men recently purchased a new color television for the house.

Phi Sigma Epsilon enjoyed a mixer Tuesday night with the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. They are planning a rush party for tonight. Tomorrow night the men are hosting a country and western party at the armory.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is planning a rush party for Saturday. The men enjoyed parties last Friday and Saturday night.

Rush is currently at its peak and all of the fraternities are busy searching for potential members.

The dates of the smokers are as follows:

Delta Chi—Feb. 6

Delta Sig—Feb. 10

Sig Tau—Feb. 12

ALK—Feb. 12

TKE—Feb. 13

The TKE's held a party last Saturday night and have another kegger planned for tomorrow night.

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# Bearkittens keep winning—record now 13-5

Coach Sherri Reeves' Bearkitten basketball squad ran its record to 13-5 with two wins last weekend in Decorah, Iowa.

The 'Kittens ran past Northern Iowa, 74-70, and then squeaked by Luther, 64-62, in overtime the next morning. The Bearkittens, however, are outpointing their opponents an average of 20 points a contest.

Against Luther, a tight 2-1-2 zone defense kept MSU stymied from the outside. Late free throws from Sue Sugg and field goal help from B.J. Pratt and Rose Bishop helped the women pull out the victory, despite 37 percent shooting.

Pratt topped MSU scorers with 16 points. Sue Sheffield, who Reeves said had two outstanding defensive games, grabbed nine rebounds.

Against Northern Iowa, freshman Janet Cooksey, Pratt,

and junior Luann Phillips all netted 16 points. Balanced scoring and rebounding, led by Sheffield's nine caroms, sealed the victory for the 'Kittens.

The women also added Midland Lutheran College to their list of victims Jan. 29, dumping the Warriorettes, 67-36. The 'Kittens were never challenged as they jumped to a 14-4 lead midway through the first half. A 34-12 halftime spread allowed the Bearkitten reserves to play much of the contest.

Eleven players got in the scoring column and Phillips led the way with 14 points.

The Bearkittens will return to action tonight at 7 p.m. in Lamkin Gym when they will meet the MU-Columbia Tigers. Saturday the women will play Northeast at 1 p.m. in Lamkin. MSU has beaten the Tigers twice this season and Northeast once.



Janet Cooksey, right, shoots for two more points, and B. J. Pratt (31) and Sue Sheffield scrambled for a loose ball in action vs. Midland Lutheran last week. The 'Kittens won the contest, 67-36, in Lamkin Gym.

## Freshmen, sophomores win title

Coach George Worley's squad of freshmen and sophomores won three division titles on the way to winning the title of the Crowder Junior College tourney Feb. 1.

Since the varsity had an open date last Saturday, a squad of 'Cats comprised solely of freshmen and sophomores traveled to Neosho to pile up 124 points, well ahead of second place Central (89½).

Bearcat championships were won by freshman Gary Sambursky, 118 pounds; Willis McAleese, sophomore at 134 pounds; and Glen Zenor, a

freshman wrestling in the 177-pound class.

Coach Worley's freshmen and sophomores will be in action

again Saturday at Central, while their varsity counterparts will face MU-Rolla and Lincoln the same day at Rolla.

## Wrestlers lose to Big Eight foe

The Bearcat wrestling squad met the Big Eight Nebraska Cornhuskers Jan. 29 and suffered a 24-9 loss.

Coach George Worley's wrestlers could manage only three wins in the meet. Freshman Gary Sambursky, 118-pounds, opened the meet with a 5-3 decision over Alan Koss. Junior Russ Hutchinson followed with a 13-6 victory over Gary Harnisch in the 126-pound class.

Junior Jerry Middleton claimed the 'Cats last win in the 190-pound class, taking a 6-1 decision from Rick Hill.

## Cindermen miss third

Failure to place in the mile relay, the last event of the day, cost MSU's indoor track team third place in the five-team KSC-Pittsburg Invitational last week.

Southwest nudged the Bearcats for third, 20-19, while the host Gorillas won the event with 55 points. Central finished second (45) and MU-Rolla trailed with 15.

Freshman Steve Smith and junior John Wellerding were the only two Bearcats to take first place. Wellerding ran a 2:00.4 half-mile, and Smith took the long jump with a 22-10¼ leap.

Coach Dick Flanagan's thinclads will travel to Omaha today to compete in a triangular meet with the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Northeast.

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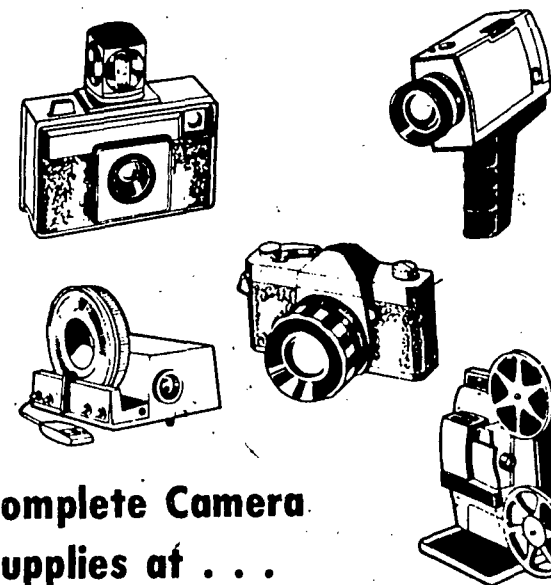
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# Bearcats fall to 1-5 in MIAA

Northeast continued an eight-year dominance over MSU on its home court, defeating the Bearcats 94-73 last Saturday in MIAA action.

Coach Bob Iglehart's cagers have won but one time in 10 starts on the road this year. The loss dropped the 'Cats to 1-5 in league play and 6-11 overall.

The final score does not indicate the trend of the action with the Bulldogs, however. Down by as many as nine points in the opening half, MSU rallied for a slim 38-36 advantage minutes before intermission. Northeast scored five unanswered points before the half to claim a 41-38 lead.

After falling behind 54-46 early in the second half, the Bearcats rebounded to forge a 56-all tie. Junior Jim Donovan, filling in for the injured Randy Dix at center, played superbly, to lead the 'Cat comeback. Guard Marcus Mack and reserve Marcus Stallings also helped spark MSU.

But Northeast put the game away with a 20-7 spurt that the Bearcats could not handle. The key to the edge was Northeast's dominance of the boards. The Bulldogs claimed a 55-39 advantage on the backboards.

Donovan and forward Dave Alvey led MSU scorers with 19 points apiece. Stallings added 16 tallies and Mack had 13. Donovan and Stallings both grabbed nine rebounds.

## Home games upcoming

The Bearcats will return to Lamkin Gym Saturday and Monday when they meet MIAA tourney champ Southeast and MU-Rolla. Both teams have already defeated the 'Cats in previous games.

Southeast is lead by the MIAA's seventh-leading scorer, Steve Valli, who is averaging 16 points a contest and grabbing seven rebounds. As a team, the Indians are averaging about 83 points and giving up about 79. Lincoln, one of the loop leaders, recently lost to the Indians at Cape Girardeau. Southeast is 4-4 in the league.

MU-Rolla was 4-2 in league play before a crucial home contest Wednesday with Lincoln. The game was to decide the first place team in the MIAA.

The Miners are led by center Bob Stanley and freshman Ron Scroggins. Both are hitting just about 16 points a game. Stanley is the league leader in rebounding, grabbing about 12 each game. Guard-forward Ross Klie is hitting about 15 points a contest and hauling

down 8.5 rebounds.

MU-Rolla knocked off the 'Cats 70-63 in early January as did the Indians, 91-85.

## Bearcat leaders

After 16 games Dave Alvey continues to pace the 'Cats with a 19.1 scoring average and a 7.8 rebound mark. Donovan (10.9) and Doug Deskin (10.3) are the only other Bearcats averaging in double figures in scoring.

Guards Mack and Alan Bubalo are adding eight and 6.2 tallies a game.

## MIAA Basketball Standings

Team	Won	Lost
MU-Rolla	5	2
Lincoln	4	3
Central	3	2
Northeast	3	3
Southeast	4	4
Southwest	3	4
Northwest	1	5

## Homecourt advantage in MIAA

Don't ever doubt basketball's "rule of thumb" that recognizes the homecourt advantage. It sure holds true in the MIAA this year.

Before games last weekend, MIAA teams were a lowly 16-43 on the road. While it's been tough to win on the road, it's been just the opposite at home where league teams have posted a 41-10 record.

Lincoln has yet to lose at home, and is joined in that category by Southeast. MU-Rolla and Northeast have dropped but one contest on their home floors.

Northwest is 5-2 at home and 1-9 on the road.

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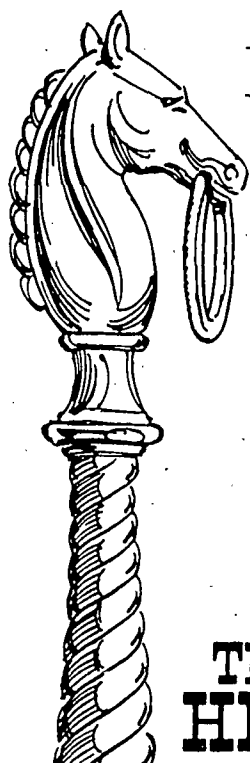
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Randy Hamstra strokes his way to a 2:27.3 time in the 200-yd. breaststroke. The time cut one-tenth of a second off his own MSU record in that event.

## Tankers lose duals

MSU's tankers dropped two dual meets last weekend as their dual record fell to 1-4 on the year.

The Bearcats lost to MIAA power Southwest, 80-32, and was edged by Washington University of St. Louis, 62-51. A lack of depth and divers proved fatal for the 'Cats as usual.

Despite four first place finishes, one which included a Bearcat record, MSU couldn't keep pace with Washington as it grabbed the number one spot in nine events.

Randy Hamstra shaved one-tenth of a second off his own school record in the 200-yard breaststroke, which he set

earlier this season. He was timed in 2:27.3 for first place.

MSU's 400-yd freestyle relay team, composed of Mark Bergerson, Dan Brandon, Tim Kealy, and Tim Spencer, captured first place with a 3:33.7 timing. Bergerson also recorded a first with a 29.3 time in the 60-yd individual medley.

The Bearcat tankers could manage only one first in the entire meet with Southwest. The 400-yd. freestyle relay team again won their event with a 3:45.1 clocking.

Coach Lewis Dyche's squad will compete against St. Louis University Saturday in Martindale pool beginning at 2 p.m.

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